

Thank you

It is not a real jubilee, but nevertheless a reason for celebration: it is two years now that our one-world-shop opened its doors. Since September, 2005 thanks to many volunteer workers, we can offer three opening times a week. Apart from these regular opening times, many special sellings took place, e.g. on parish feests, at schools and kindergarden parties and, for the first time in 2006, at the Christmas Market at Alsdorf.

But in our shop, it is not only possible to do the buying. We look back on numerous information evenings, e. g. regarding chocolate, rape oil and wine, where the interested audience has been informed on fair trade products and on the projects of our association in Zambia.

Also in the future you will find us with several campaigns outside the shop. (You can find fixed dates under category SOON.) To fulfill these aims, we are dependened on the help of volunteer workers who are willing to spend some hours a month selling fair traded products. So, if you feel interested in spending some hours of your free time for a sensible purpose, contact us.

With the case of two years of successful history in our one-world-shop at Mariadorf we will take the occasion to thank all those who made this possible in a very heartfelt manner. All, that are the voluteer workers who enable the opening times of the shop. And all, that are also you, our readers, friends and clients, who support our effort and give us the will to carry on with the things we are doing. Let us clink glasses (best with fair traded wine or champagne).

Angelika Körfer

Week of Fair Trade 2007

The motto of this years Week of Fair Trade was "Africanissimo - discover the variety". Africa is on everyone's lips, even word-for-word during the "fair cooking" at the protestant parish centre at Broichweiden. The Week of Fair Trade every year draws attention to the importance of Fair Trade with Latin America, Africa or Asia. The producers are paid with a fair price, long-lasting and direct trade contacts bring social safety to their lives. It is not only a guarantee to survive to the producers and their families, also social and environmental standards are regarded. Many fair traded products are produced according to the "Bio" label.

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- Bobotie (minced meat pudding) with yellow rice, Couscous of vegetables with onion-cin

- oranges and baked bananasnamon-sauce rice dish with lentils, a soup of bulgur

To the meal we had red wine from Africa. After the meal those who wanted could drink coffee, of course fair traded. Filled with good meal and new ideas we finally tidied up the kitchen.

If you became interested - the receipts, a fair trade cookery book and of course a lot of indredients you can buy in our one-world-shop at Mariadorf. Or perhaps you join us next year, when we again will try new receipts from foreign countries. Welcome!

Renate Remy

Fair coffee-time in our one-world-shop

Again this year, we are planning a special activity during November. Last year we sweetened November with our chocolate evening (as you hopefully will remember), which

was a very successful event. This year, too, we try to remove dark November feeling with sweet things.

Chocolate will be needed again - as an ingredient for tasteful biscuits.

In Germany, the potential of Fair Trade is not yet working to capacity, in comparison to neighboring countries, the share of the market of fair traded products is still small. In the meantime, some supermarkets and discounters sell fair traded products, even if not a wide range.

This is where our one-world-shop starts. Our assortment shows a great variety. Handicraft objects originally from Zambia, coffee, chocolate, wine, tea and many more things can be sold in our shop, or can at least be delivered by us. The profit of our shop is invested in our projects in Zambia. We would be happy to welcome you in our shop, perhaps you will discover a gift for Christmas.

You will be surprised! To buy in our shop means to act good in three ways: for the producers - for our projects - for yourselves!

Renate Remy

Africanissimo! - Cook Fair!

Couscous, bulgur, dates, curcuma, coriander, cardamom, cinnamon, ginger and many other exotic ingredients were taken to create a new experience of taste during the 3rd "fair cooking" at the protestant parish centre at Broichweiden. With a lot of fun and enthusiasm the six African receipts, which have been chosen for that evening, were cooked.

After a little bit more than an hour we could enjoy the dishes. We had two entries, two major plates and two desserts:

Every Tuesday afternoon in November we open for fair coffee-time: we want to invite you to try various fair traded coffees or teas and we offer self-made cakes and biscuits made of fair traded ingredients. Of course, we will also give you the receipts. To spend a happy afternoon in spite of being alone on a cold and dark November afternoon, is of course another reason to visit us during our fair coffee-time.

We are happy to welcome you!

Gertrud Kutscher

fair handeln joined the Running for Solidarity

On September, 16th the second Running for Solidarity with jobless people took place. One goal of the running was to draw attention to the situation of jobless people. In the region of Aachen, there are still 16.500 people who are without job for a long time. Up to now, they have not participated by the latest boom. Projects initiated by the church qualify, advise and help those people during their difficult situation. Another purpose is to receive money by the running itself, by donations and by the tombola, the earnings of which flow into the solidarity fund.

From this fund, also our association receives money for the pupil's job fair, an important support that guarantees the existence of the pupil's job fair.

Dietmar Prielipp as a member of church organizations has been very busy with the preparation during the last months. Besides him, also the fair handeln board members Walter Kahn, Herbert Körfer, Gertrud Kutscher, Renate Remy and Sabine von Drathen - Mester (she was running!) helped in Aachen. Only the participation of pupils as runners was very little. "This surely will be much better next year!" said Lieselotte Wisten, the new leader of the pupil's job fair.

All in all, the event has been a success: round 500 runners and a good programme in the beautiful centre of Aachen and good weather let us look forward to the next repetition.

Dietmar Prielipp

Change at the pupil's job fair

On Tuesday, 18th of September 2007 the board announced the change of the leader of the pupil's job fair at the parish centre of St. Mary's at Mariadorf.

Sylvia Staas, the former leader of the pupil's job fair who worked together with Petra Wehren as a secretary, leaves the pupil's job fair to our great regret because of professional reasons.

During a small ceremony with board members, pupils and the local press, Sylvia Staas was said good-bye and Lieselotte Wisten was presented as the new leader.

Lieselotte Wisten can take over good running structures from Sylvia Staas, that however must be evaluated because of the new branches at Würselen-Broichweiden (opened in 2005) and Baesweiler (opened in 2007). At Baesweiler, Christa Peters will be engaged.

We wish good luck to Sylvia Staas for her new job at the ARGE at Geilenkirchen and we wish good luck to Lieselotte Wisten for her beginning at the pupil's job fair.

Karl-Heinz Schleibach